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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

MANABE et al.

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Title: A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A GALLIUM NITRIDE GROUP COMPOUND
SEMICONDUCTOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At Page 1, after the title, insert the following:

The present application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/677,781 filed October 2, 2000 (pending); which was a divisional of Serial No. 09/417,778 filed October 14, 1999 (allowed); which was a divisional of Serial No. 08/956,950 filed October 23, 1997 (U.S. Patent 6,249,012); which was a divisional of Serial No. 08/556,232 filed November 9, 1995 (U.S. Patent 5,733,796); which was a continuation of Serial No. 08/179,242 filed January 10, 1994 (abandoned); which was a divisional of 07/926,022 filed August 7, 1992, (U.S. Patent 5,278,433); which was a continuation of 07/661,304 filed February 27, 1991 (abandoned).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 and 53-118.